GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:362
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TASK FORCE FOR ORISSA RAIL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Task Force constituted for some railway projects in Orissa has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 362 BY SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 24.11.2005 REGARDING TASK FORCE FOR ORISSA RAIL PROJECTS.

(a) & (b): No Task Force had been set up as indicated. However, the Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) has prepared a Concept Paper on the railway infrastructure strengthening to cater to the anticipated upsurge in traffic generation and movement due to the upcoming steel plant of M/s POSCO and other plants in Orissa, with particular reference to four rail links, viz., doublings of Daitari-Banspani and Haridaspur-Paradeep, Angul-Sukinda new line and extension of Naupada-Gunupur line to Theruvali. The traffic likely to be generated on these four projects has been analyzed keeping in view various Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) signed by Orissa Government with the Industry. The cost of development of infrastructure and other assets to deal with the projected traffic has also been worked out.

(c): Daitari-Banspani single line is targeted for completion by 31/03/2007 and Haridaspur-Paradeep single line by 31/03/2008. Further planning about Angul-Sukinda new line project and extension of Naupada-Gunupur line up to Theruvali would be possible once the bankability study reports are finalized.